

South Norfolk Youth Advisory Board (SNYAB)

School Offer October 2024



SNYAB is keen to work with all South Norfolk schools, and there are many ways to do this:

Young Commissioners – this group of young people who live or are schooled in South Norfolk lead on the work of the YAB. These young people, supported by Julia, a YAB Youth and Community Worker, meet regularly to discuss issues that are important to them, as well as take action to make a difference in their communities. Young people can join this group any time and receive training and opportunities to increase confidence and support personal development.

We can support you to undertake **consultation** with young people to gain valuable feedback and insight – this could be around a specific area in the school, a poster design, support services, anything! We can help support you and your young people to develop your school policies and procedures, ensuring that young people have a say in their governance.

SNYAB also supports young people to further their own **campaigns and ideas**, by publicising their work, finding the right channels to gain momentum, and gaining support from other interested parties. SNYAB links in with community decision makers such as town and parish councils, and this may be useful to further the involvement of young people.

Schools can host their own Young Commissioner Group, supported by Emma, a YAB youth worker. These Young Commissioners will meet twice every half term, discussing similar issues, as well as topics that were highlighted by the YAB Consultation. These sessions need to run for a minimum of 45 minutes and are designed to be complementary to other groups such as school councils, and can also count towards hours for volunteer programmes. We will work with you to ensure that your Young Commissioner Group is utilised in the best way.

A strong theme that came out of the YAB consultation was **information**. Emma can maintain a **notice board** in your school to ensure that young people have access to relevant and up to date information, around the issues that they have highlighted, along with local opportunities and support organisations, and news from SNYAB and Young Commissioners.

Full Board Representation: A member of your staff team could get more involved with the work and decision making of SNYAB. We hold four Full Board Meetings each year. We would be happy to provide further information and discuss commitment, etc.

Lunchtime stands – we can promote the work of the YAB alongside our Young Commissioners and share local opportunities available at that time. We are able to have a stand at your **events** too. This could be a Careers Fair, Parents Evening, or a Drop-Down Day – looking at how the YAB can support young people. And we can publicise your events, campaigns, and achievements.

SNYAB Young People's Development Programme - commissioned by us and includes accredited courses, volunteering opportunities, and life skill sessions that all support personal development and wellbeing. Further details can be found at <https://www.snyab.org/>. We can offer support visits to see young people who would like to access our opportunities to enable them to feel confident in accessing the programme.

For more information about SNYAB and how your school can benefit, please contact Julia Fairbrother on 07546 059061 or email: julia@mtmyouthservices.org.uk

If you wish to access Young Commissioner and/or notice board support in your school, contact Emma Howe on 07760 283864 or email: emma@mtmyouthservices.org.uk

